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Ronen Ifraimov stands on a new slip he has had built at the former Wedgewood Marina. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

New marina owner plans resort

By Lisa Gervais

The new owner of the former Wedgewood Marina on 12 Mile Lake is planning to build a small resort on the property.

Ronen Ifraimov said he was driving through Haliburton County for the first time when he noticed the property up for sale. A developer and builder from the Greater Toronto Area, it caught his eye.

"I was meeting a few colleagues up north for a retirement home project, and on the way back I saw this land for sale, and the moment I saw it, I had a vision."

He noted the buildings and property were run down and thought, "what a shame, such a beautiful lake, such a beautiful area." He contacted his realtor, and was soon in negotiations with the former owners. The sale was recently completed.

One of the first things he has done is purchase the boat launch as part of the sale. He said it will remain open to the public. He has already put in a new docking system, valued at \$120,000. Ifraimov added he plans to replace the gas tank and pump to offer fuel to boaters. He emphasized the new entity will not be a marina, but he has purchased insurance to cover the launch

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Children's Aid Society cuts 'complex and sad'

By Lisa Gervais

The Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society (KHCAS) has announced plans to shutter its branch at 73 Victoria St. in Haliburton next year, and drop one full-time staff member, although the agency says it will continue to offer its services across the County.

Jennifer McLauchlan, executive director of the KHCAS, said, "from the community perspective, what they're not going to see is a physical presence. Although we are committed to working with our community service partners in the Haliburton and Minden area to find an alternative location, that we could partner and work out of another space while we get our financial situation back in order. Then we can reconsider whether or not there is a physical office required."

The one full-time lay-off will reduce the number from three full-time, two-part time and a shared manager with Lindsay and will occur between now and March 31, 2025. The office is slated to close April 1, 2025.

The KHCAS is currently working with approximately 30 families in Haliburton. Head office is in Peterborough with another branch in Lindsay. McLauchlan said most of the outreach work is done in client family homes, or within the community. They have remote work agreements with staff as a result of COVID and most employees work from home, with access to the office.

Overall, 24 full-time equivalent positions, affecting 25 people, will be eliminated across the three locations.

As for local layoffs, McLauchlan said, "the concern is with fewer staff doing the same amount of work, staff will be impacted by having more of the same work to do. What we're looking at doing internally is working with the staff in terms of 'how do we deliver the same level of service?'"

Ruby Taylor is OPSEU local 334 president, which represents impacted workers. She said the union is

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Public boat launch will be retained

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and will offer gas. As for other marina services, he is happy to speak with potential operators who can independently offer boaters launch, servicing, winterizing, transport and storage options.

Ifraimov said he initially had no intention of getting involved in boat launching, but after reading newspaper articles in *The Highlander*, documenting how residents along the lake chain would be impacted by the loss of their launch, he changed his mind. Though insurance is costing “an arm and a leg” since they are not a marina, Ifraimov said he wanted to get off on the right foot with neighbours.

“It’s going to be my second home, it’s going to be my resort, my kids’ resort, I want to take care of it like my own.

“I obviously had a concern because no one could launch their boats. I didn’t want to be the guy that’s taking over a property where I ruin it for everybody,” he added.

He is allowing the public to use the launch for free this summer and autumn. Some boats are also using the slips free of charge. He will have to charge next year but said rates would be reasonable. “Even if I charged \$100, which I won’t, it will not cover my insurance. It’s basically public service.”

Small resort

He has also spent \$150,000 on fencing. Overall, Ifraimov said they are looking to invest \$6-8 million into a small resort.

He does not yet have architectural plans, but is

envisioning a two-storey motel, a large cottage for families to rent on the hill, smaller, two-storey timber chalets closer to the water, and an Italian restaurant. He’ll also have housing for his family and out-of-town tradespeople. However, he said they will try to use local workers when they can. He thinks it will take six-to-eight months to get plans and then it will be a year or two until construction, depending on how things proceed with the Township of Minden Hills.

Ifraimov, originally from Israel and coming to Canada at the age of nine, runs Perfectly Built, owns a company called Art Farms in the Ontario Food Terminal and is also at the helm of Deluxe Produce, all in the GTA. He said his firm is currently building 62 homes in Dundalk, and is about to start construction on a retirement home in Walkerton.

On 12 Mile, he said he would eventually be tearing down all of the existing structures and building anew. Until then, he said they’ll have the launch and gas, and likely keep the barbecue shack open.

He said it is a personal – as well as a business - investment. “Because where we start, we continue. We will

eventually want to build other things; whatever the County is looking for.

“I’m going to come here a lot. This town is going to be part of my family. it’s something we would want to take care of dearly from our heart and build relationships with everybody. We want to make sure it turns out perfect.”

He encouraged anyone with questions to call him at 416-825-4827.

“ I’m going to come here a lot. This town is going to be part of my family. it’s something we would want to take care of dearly from our heart and build relationships with everybody. We want to make sure it turns out perfect.” - Ronen Ifraimov, new owner of former Wedgewood Marina ”

OPP NEWS

Police say alleged drunk man stole vehicle

The Haliburton Highlands detachment of the OPP have changed an individual with impaired driving in connection with a stolen vehicle investigation in Minden Hills.

On July 25, at approximately 6:30 p.m., members of the detachment responded to a report of a stolen vehicle from a residence on St. Germaine Street. While police patrolled the area, a concerned motorist called 9-1-1 to report a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed, matching the description of the stolen vehicle.

At 7:10 p.m., an officer located the vehicle traveling southbound on Hwy. 35 at Davis Lake Road and conducted

a traffic stop. After speaking with the driver, who matched the victim's description, the officer was also led into an impaired operation investigation. The accused was arrested and charged, and the vehicle was returned undamaged to its rightful owner.

Robin Kirchen, a 40-year-old from Peterborough, was charged with: operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus), theft of motor vehicle, driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor, possession property obtained by crime under \$5,000 and dangerous operation.

The accused was released on an undertaking and is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Aug. 7.



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County demands meeting with province

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concerned about not having a presence in Haliburton County. She added with the loss of one worker “our worry is for the safety of the children and the work that we do with families in that community with less people.” She said they were already understaffed, even before the cuts, so it impacts remaining workers.

Operating in deficit

KHCAS said the reason for the measures is the society has been in a deficit position the last two years. The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services does not allow that. It’s forced a deficit management plan.

The KHCAS attributed the deficit to years of funding reductions, increased costs, increased complexity of need, and the lack of services required by legislation within the funding allocation.

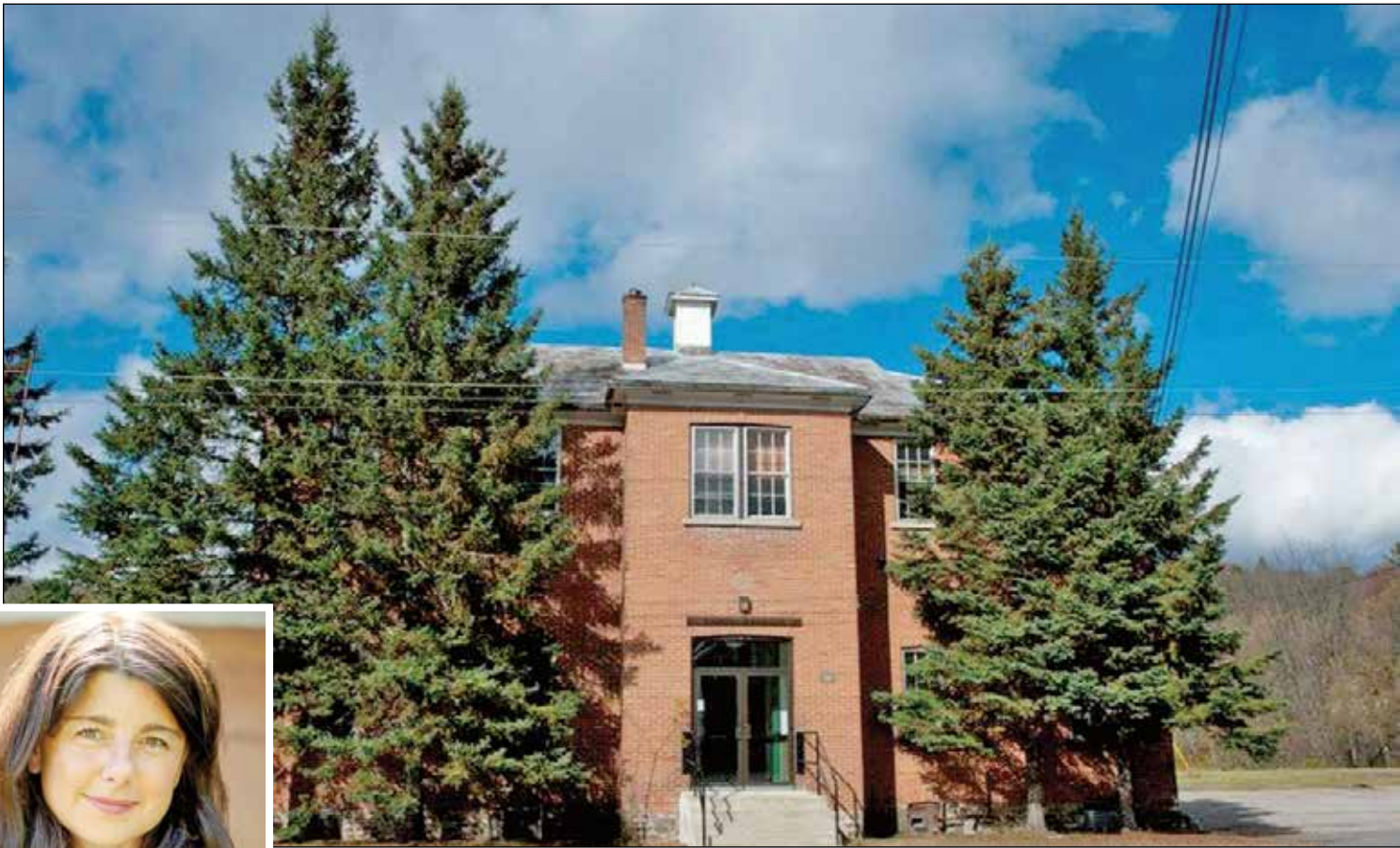
McLauchlan elaborated waitlists are growing and they don’t have enough foster families, paying them \$50-a-day, so are having to use outside paid resources, largely for-profit, and licensed by the ministry, which can cost between \$400 and up to \$2,600-a-day. Part of the plan is to boost the number of foster families.

It is looking to cut \$7.6 million out of a \$22 million budget.

KHCAS board chair Sandra Robinson said decisions, “were not made lightly, especially related to reducing staff. We know the leadership team and staff are firmly committed to delivering quality services to children, youth and families and they will work together to maintain these services to ensure child safety and well-being.”

McLauchlan added, “this is a very difficult time for our staff. The priority moving forward will be to focus on how we deliver services, and to work with community service providers to strengthen services that support children, youth and families, while supporting our staff through the transition.”

KHCAS is not alone in facing financial challenges in delivering mandated services. Over half of child welfare agencies in the province were projecting deficits at the end of last fiscal year.



Above: The CAS office at 73 Victoria St. in Haliburton. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.* Left: County coun. Jennifer Dailloux, who sits on the board of Point in Time, says cuts to the Haliburton County Children’s Aid Society are “pretty serious stuff.” *File.*

“The Ontario child welfare sector needs sustainable, stable funding to ensure agencies can deliver high-quality, trauma-informed, culturally-relevant care. They also need an updated funding formula that truly prioritizes early intervention, prevention, and continued connections to kin, community and culture,” the KHCAS said.

They added, “the Ontario government needs to make targeted investments to strengthen social infrastructure in communities across the province so that human and community services organizations and providers can deliver vital support to children, youth and families at the right time, close to home.”

Point in Time and County respond

Marg Cox is the executive director of Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, based out of Haliburton.

She said the KHCAS situation is “very complex and sad. We certainly understand the agency is mandated to drastically cut costs and still provide essential service, however there needs to be some changes to allow for cost-effective investments that will increase local placements, like reimbursement for kinship care, and higher rates of remuneration for foster parents overseen by the agency.”

She added Point is Time is committed to collaborating with KHCAS, “to ensure we’re doing everything we can so Haliburton children and families receive the support and

service they require.”

County of Haliburton representative to Point in Time, Jennifer Dailloux, raised the issue at a July 24 council meeting. “This is pretty serious stuff. It will have important and unforeseen consequences for our children and also for our local service providers, such as Point in Time,” she said.

Dailloux added Point in Time is monitoring the situation and, “anticipating a potential uptick in crisis calls if the Children’s Aid Society is not able to offer the same level of service to families in crisis as it has up to now. It’s really big news.”

Council passed a resolution to inform Premier Doug Ford about the “harmful cuts” that will have an “extreme negative impact.” They have also demanded a meeting with Ford, minister Michael Parsa, and MPP Laurie Scott.



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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NEWS

Hops Drive entrance

The County, Dysart et al, and property owners at 10 and 15 Hops Dr. in Haliburton have been working together to address expected traffic concerns as a result of the new fast-food restaurant, two retail stores, and service station where Hops Drive intersects County Road 21.

County director of public works, Sylvain Cloutier, said one entrance to the Beer Store plaza and this new development would create a “bottleneck effect.” He said they are proposing creating access to CR 21 from each of the properties.

Staff estimate the total cost of the project (engineering design and construction) to be up to \$300,000. “Recognizing this project is not budgeted for in 2024 and the required timeframe, the project costs will be addressed within the current 2024 budget. Dysart’s 2025 capital projects planned work will be adjusted to reflect the monies spent for this project in 2024,” he said.

In addition to the redesign of the access for the site, Cloutier said County staff are investigating the potential need to move up the signalization for the Industrial Park Road and CR 21 intersection from 2026 to 2025, “as a further effort to regulate traffic movements along this important section of CR 21. Signalization of the intersection will provide more controlled traffic flows, optimize traffic movements and improve overall traffic safety.”

CAO Gary Dyke said there had been a miscommunication between the County and Dysart with regard to an entrance permit. He said they had caught it but the proponents were well into construction. However, he said the redesign would mitigate traffic concerns. He thinks the plaza wants to open for Labour Day.

Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey said, “the ball got dropped by both parties...I don’t know how this happened, shouldn’t have happened. It was an error.”

Wayfinding signage

County councillors got their first look at a wayfinding strategy July 24, with some hinting while it would be nice to have, it’s not a pressing need.

Stasia Stempski presented on behalf of her company, pl.ural. She said wayfinding is using information to find one’s way in the built and natural environment, and includes signage design.

She said they had visited the County and gotten stakeholder feedback with people telling them significant tourist destination and attractions, as well as municipal sites, services and amenities, should be prioritized. She provided some draft signage concepts. The company is also looking into where the signs would be placed.

Stempki said she thought the Highlands needed 17 gateway signs, 73 signs in Haliburton, Dorset, Minden and Wilberforce, and an additional 64 in secondary settlement areas, at a cost of \$688,500 or \$137,700-a-year phased in over five years.

Director of economic development and tourism, Scott Ovell, said money would come from the municipal accommodation tax (MAT) and the new municipal services corporation would do the “heavy lifting.”

Fearrey said building permits are down and the area is in recession. “Some of these things are nice to do but are they necessary?” He also asked who would maintain signs. “I’m for the program but not for expediting it.”

Fearrey added they have staffed tourism information centres to direct people, and a chamber of commerce. Coun. Walt



There will be two entrances to the Beer Store plaza, and the new gas station, fast-food outlet and retail store in Haliburton. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

McKechnie agreed, “it would be great to have” but isn’t a priority for him. He said he can use his car’s GPS for wayfinding. Coun. Dave Burton added people are going to the County’s website and the time may not be right.

Coun. Bob Carter is reluctant to spend money they don’t yet have. Dyke said they are planning ahead for when and if councils are ready to go. He said they were not seeking preapproval to spend money.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux felt better it

was MAT money, not part of the levy, and thought the designs were beautiful. She asked if local councils could fine tune the list of signs and was told they would have final say. Coun. Cec Ryall liked the concept, and saw merit in having a so-called shovel-ready plan.

Council received the report for information only.

(County of Haliburton news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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Fearrey: flag talk about policy not Pride

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey said a recent decision not to fly the Pride flag at town hall, or participate in a Pride-themed community poster initiative, is more about establishing fair policy than taking shots at the LGBTQ+ community.

Speaking at a July 23 Dysart council meeting, Fearrey took exception to an invitation from the Haliburton BIA to take part in a 'Show Your Pride' decorating contest Aug. 1 to 9. The contest was organized by Minden Pride in advance of its upcoming Pride Week celebration Aug. 19 to 25.

Allan Guinan, Minden Pride chair, said the contest is designed to generate hype for this month's festivities and help bring the community together. He said numerous organizations and businesses across the County would be participating, including some Highland Street merchants.

Fearrey said he had no problem supporting Minden Pride or the LGBTQ+ community but felt decorating a public space was a bridge too far.

"Town hall is for everybody. We don't need to decorate the office. It's an historic building. Why would we want to decorate it? We have to draw the line somewhere," Fearrey told *The Highlander* following the meeting.

The mayor said he wanted to see Dysart establish a policy to cover these kinds of requests, which he also wants to extend to flag flying. He proposed a one-day limit for

promotion on municipal property.

Speaking at the meeting, Fearrey said, "I don't want flags up for weeks at the landfills, arena, or anywhere else (the township owns). You can have your day like anyone else, that's just my opinion."

"It's not going against what's going on... in terms of flags, we run the flag up the pole for Remembrance Day, which is the people that made this country. I don't think we should have any more than one day for any other flags. That's not necessary," Fearrey added. "What happens if we get a bunch of other requests from other special interest groups? What if the Palestinians came out to the community and said, 'we want to fly a flag and have a special day'?"

Fearrey likened the situation to the recent controversy over different groups using Head Lake Park to host community events. The township implemented a new bylaw earlier this summer mandating organizers of any for-profit or revenue-generating event pay a fee to rent space in the park.

Coun. Pat Casey agreed a consistent policy is needed, saying he didn't believe any group should be allowed to display prominent promotional materials on municipal property for weeks on end.

"I have no bias one way or another... but it's public space. This is something we'll have to chat about, because how do you qualify who can fly the flag up a pole," Casey said.

Fearrey said he hoped to discuss a new bylaw at Dysart's next meeting Aug. 27.



Minden Pride president Allan Guinan said he's disappointed by comments made at a July 23 Dysart et al council meeting. *File.*

Minden Pride responds

Guinan expressed confusion and disappointment over the discussion, and said he was upset by what he perceived as Fearrey's comparison between the Pride and Palestinian flags.

The Palestine flag is being used by people protesting the country's conflict with Israel over the Gaza Strip, which dates back to the 19th century.

"I don't believe there was a request for the council to decorate and there certainly was not a request for the council to raise the Pride flag," Guinan said. "It was disappointing to hear terms like 'special interest groups'... being compared to a group of Palestine supporters, I found that a

little offensive."

Brandon Nimigon, chair of the Haliburton BIA, said they received a request from Minden Pride last month to promote the poster contest, which it emailed out to members. Since the township is a member, it received the email.

Guinan confirmed the Pride flag will be erected at Minden Hills township office Aug. 19. He said Minden has a long history of supporting Minden Pride.

"Nine years ago, when we started to mobilize... Minden embraced us," Guinan said, noting the group first approached Dysart about flying a flag, but were turned down. "That's why we're called Minden Pride, because they supported us when [Dysart] didn't."

DYSART ET AL NEWS

Park fees waived

Council has agreed to waive rental fees for two events coming to Head Lake Park this summer.

First, the township waived a \$100 fee for the Haliburton Ministerial Association to use the bandshell for a combined church service on Aug. 4. Council also waived \$750 for the Haliburton Outboard Power Boat Races to run its annual event Aug. 17 and 18.

Deputy mayor Walt McKechnie said organizers of the races have donated approximately \$40,000 to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundations in

the years they've been running the event, so he was OK with waiving the fees.

He said council was planning to revisit park rental fees to "create a more efficient set of policies... in the future."

In May, council signed off on a new bylaw establishing rates for user groups who want to host events in the park. It was determined users should pay \$250 per day to use the park, \$100 per day to use the bandshell for two hours or longer, and a \$100 application fee. Local service clubs, such as Haliburton Rotary and the Lions Club of Haliburton, are exempt.

Battery drop-off

Dysart is one of 10 municipalities in Ontario selected to participate in a new outdoor community battery recycling initiative.

A smart collection container will be installed on York Street, by the entrance to Head Lake Park. The service is free and provided by E360 Solutions, which already collect batteries from all five waste disposal sites in Dysart. John Watson, the township's environmental manager, said the new unit will accept AA, AAA, C and D type batteries.

Watson said there are sensors installed in

the bin that monitors capacity and notifies E360 when pick-up is required. It also has temperature sensors that can help identify faults and a fire suppression system.

Last year, Dysart collected 1.76 metric tons of batteries for recycling. Watson said batteries are sent to a facility in Port Colborne where the Zinc, Magnesium, and Potassium are recovered and used as a micronutrient to grow corn, while the steel and nickel is recovered and used in the production of new materials.

Watson said he expects the unit to be installed later this year. (*Dysart et al briefs compiled by Mike Baker.*)



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MINDEN HILLS NEWS**Mould at arena**

Council learned July 25 that there are indications of surface mould in a utility room, and the caulking in dressing rooms two to six at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

Chief building official, Eric Guay, said staff investigated and found the dehumidification system was not properly commissioned and activated.

He said it's now operating properly, and staff will work closely with the HVAC company to ensure optimal operation of the system.

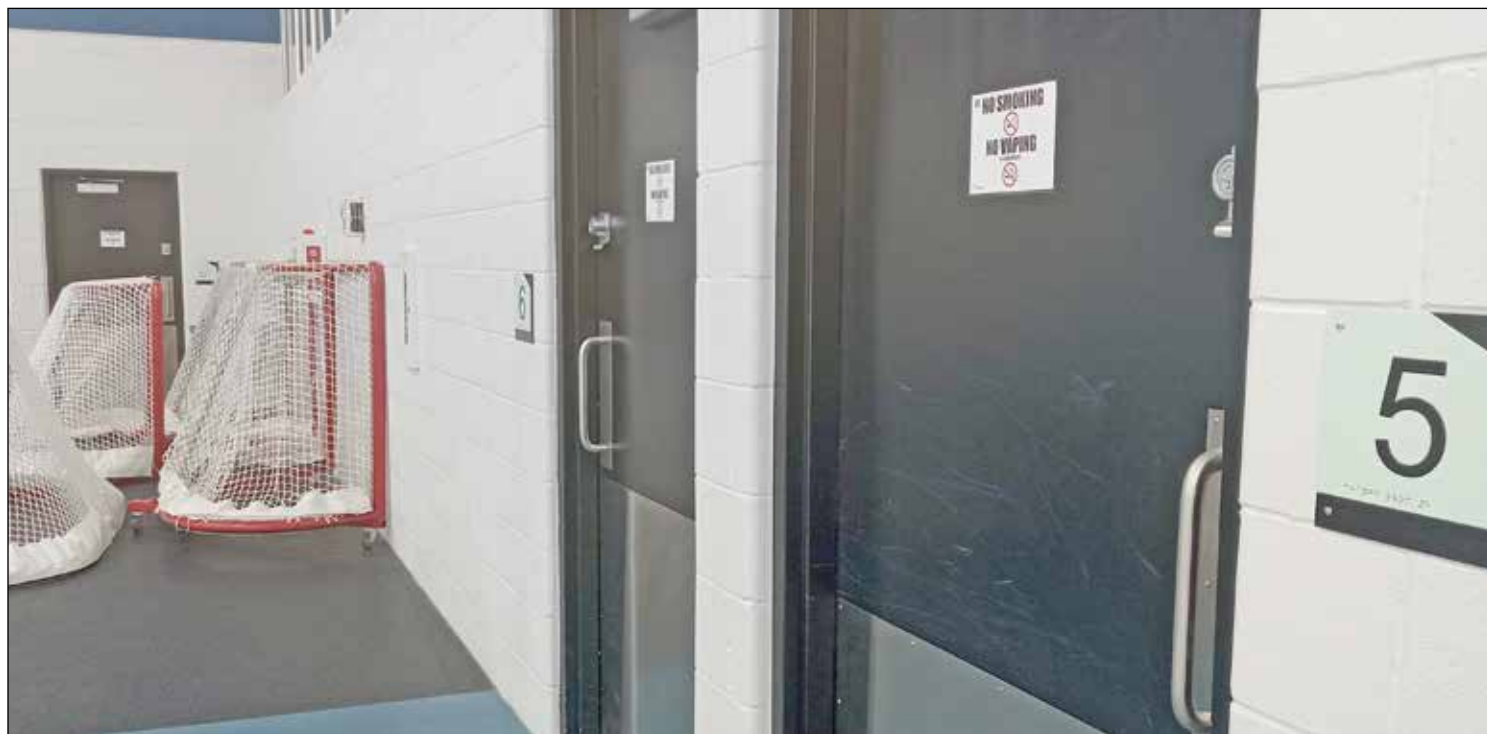
However, to remediate the surface mould, he said work would be required. The township got two quotes. Guay recommended hiring Specialized Onsite Services for \$21,666.50 plus HST.

Deputy mayor Lisa Schell said, if not properly commissioned by the company that installed the system, "why are they not paying for the repairs of the mould?"

Guay said they could look into that. CAO Cynthia Fletcher said they'd like to talk to the architect and prime consultant. She said it did not appear that proper steps were followed. "But we plan to rectify it moving forward."

Public input for plan

Council is considering embarking upon a community engagement project, as a precursor to a strategic or community priority plan.



Some of the dressing rooms at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Fletcher wanted the green light for staff to issue an RFP for a facilitator to lead a community engagement project using money from the strategic plan in the capital program.

She said staff had identified a critical need "to engage with our community to ensure any future plan reflects collective priorities

and needs. Without this first phase, we will be missing a key component in developing a longer-range priority plan that meets Minden Hills' priorities."

Staff recommended assigning \$20,000 from the strategic plan for the community engagement phase.

Coun. Ivan Ingram asked if it couldn't

just be part of an RFP for the overall strategic plan. Coun. Tammy McKelvey said originally there was an RFP put out with the County but Minden Hills had little input and turned it down.

Fletcher said she was happy to go back and look at the larger project. The item was deferred to an Aug. 8 meeting.

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Although she sold Into the Blue to Abbey Gardens in 2022, Janine Papadopoulos still works for the business. She's also market manager for the Haliburton County Farmers Market Association. *File.*

A mixed bag as farmers markets hit mid-summer

By Lisa Gervais

As Haliburton County hits the dog days of summer, it's been a mixed farmers market season, says Janine Papadopoulos, the Haliburton County Farmers Market Association (HCFMA) manager.

She said the return to Head Lake Park – albeit with a new fee to utilize the space – has been good. The HCFMA is absorbing the charge levied by Dysart et al township on behalf of its vendors.

“Dysart has changed their whole use-of-park policy, and now there is a fee for anybody who uses the park, except for not-for-profit organizations. So, we weren't the only ones, but we were the first to instigate that,” she said.

Papadopoulos added, with a concern about wear and tear on the park, particularly when it is wet, “we have moved our vendors in locations that, if the ground is really, really wet, we've got them all situated in places that aren't as wet. So, that's why we're not all in a row. We're kind of spread out, and it's worked out great.”

She added, “we're totally thankful that we're back in Head Lake Park as opposed to Rotary Park. One of our vendors sent me her numbers for the first five markets and she was up over 100 per cent of what she did

the first five markets over in Rotary Park. So, the location is really important to our vendors.”

Asked to compare the market performance to when they were last in Head Lake Park, Papadopoulos said number of visitors, and revenue, is down.

She said it may have to do with the changed hours, going from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., as opposed to noon to 4 p.m., but thinks it is also a reflection of the high cost-of-living.

Minden, meanwhile, which features a farmers and artisans market on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is “a great, going concern,” Papadopoulos said.

“Everybody loves the Minden market because there's the advantage of having an artisan market run by the cultural centre. It means we can open up for more food-type vendors.” To be a farmers market, they need to be 51 per cent agricultural and 49 per cent other. Having the artisan market allows for more flexibility.

“Plus, it's Saturdays. People come in to go shopping, and then they go back to their cottages,” the market manager said.

Meanwhile, the HCFMA has shuttered the Abbey Gardens market, which began there last year on Fridays. Papadopoulos said they simply were not getting the customers to

warrant vendors attending. “It was costing them more money to be there than money they brought in.”

She added they could say it is because Haliburton Highlands Brewing is no longer at Abbey Gardens. “But the real reason is, we just didn't have enough customers to support a third market.”

She said she will be surveying market vendors about what they want for 2025.

“Where do we want to go? What do we want to do? And let it be their decision. Now, economically, it doesn't make sense to have three markets in Haliburton County.

“People aren't spending as much and things are expensive. You buy your strawberries, that's \$8. To support local is great, but you have to also be able to afford to support local.

“I want input from our vendors so that we can create a market that serves them, and also serves our public.”

Papadopoulos added, “I'm just thankful we have two thriving markets for Tuesday and Saturday, thankful we're back in Head Lake Park. People are loving that we're back there. Our vendors are loving that we're back there. Minden, we've got some great new vendors there that people are loving. It's all good.”

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Another provincial failure

The Children’s Aid Society is in trouble. In Ottawa, members are currently on strike. The union cites deficits and burnout as just two reasons for the labour unrest. On July 24, we learned how the situation is impacting the Kawartha-Haliburton Children’s Aid Society. They’ve been running a deficit for two years and counting. And now the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services is reeling them in, demanding a plan to get back in the black. Seems somewhat strange to me, since the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care appears to be fine with Haliburton Highlands Health Services and other hospital services running a perennial deficit. We’ve since learned KHCAS is not alone in facing financial challenges in delivering mandated services. Over half of child welfare agencies in the province were projecting deficits at the end of last fiscal year. No one is denying they are in deficit, but let’s look at the reasons why. In the past, when children had to be taken away from their biological parents for safety reasons, they were placed with extended family or in foster care. In the past, there were enough foster families to take them in. The numbers have dwindled, however, down about half in the KHCAS catchment area. With remuneration of just \$50-a-day from the ministry, that does not cover enough of the expenses when faced with cost-of-living. It’s forcing agencies such as KHCAS to use outside paid resources to house children, that are largely for-profit, and licensed by the ministry. They can cost between \$400 and \$2,600 a day. Not hard to figure out why CASs are running a deficit. Why would the province allow for-profit residential care, rather than pay foster parents more? But is it really about money? A June report from the Financial Accountability Office laid bare that the Ford government is underspending on their own commitments to social services by a shocking \$3.7 billion. So, it’s not the Children’s Aid Society that is in trouble – it’s the provincial government. Thanks to them, Haliburton is poised to lose CAS physical office space as of April

1, 2025. The agency will go cap-in-hand to other social service agencies – equally strapped – in the hopes of finding some shared space. They’ll also have to do the same – if not more work – with one fewer staff member. I can only imagine how CAS workers must feel. Across the province, we’ve heard from OPSEU of workers crying in their cars, on stress leave, or terrified that a lack of resources will lead to a child’s death. They are the last line of defence for children and are dealing with chronic stress and not enough resources to do their jobs. They are being forced to keep children in unsafe situations not because it’s what’s best for them but because they don’t have the resources to do anything else. Haliburton County will figure it out. An agency will step forward to offer space. But, really, that’s just a Band-Aid. The government has the money, but just doesn’t seem to care.



By Lisa Gervais

JOURNEYING TOGETHER

The act of transitioning

When we talk about transitioning, it’s usually in the context of someone or something other than us. From my perspective as an educator, it was supporting youth moving from one thing to another; whether from one class to another, or with certain people, one moment to another. As humans, we can become stuck in one place depending on our needs. I believe this is an area of concern for most. For whatever personal reason, transitioning from one place, whether figurative or literal, in your mind or physical location, to another, or the resistance to, can become debilitating. We don’t generally teach the skills to move effectively in and out of things, unless it is an extreme barrier for someone. This occurred for me, when supporting my mom, having her leave our home and move into a long-term care facility. That experience for her, inside a personal crisis, impacted her on a level of discomfort that she became very aggressive and resistive. And rightfully so. It had not occurred to either of us that might have to be an option, yet it was a reality of the times. The outcome was inevitable and we both had to come to terms with the impact. The amazing thing was, my mom transitioned fairly well after the initial reckoning. At 97, she was able to move through the steps and move into a new way of being fairly smoothly. When I reflect on growing up inside our family unit, it was always my mom who was the lead on moving forward. Whether it was building a new home, selling the farm, or even when our dad was killed in a far-related accident, it was our mom who dug deep and went to work on moving through the transition of going it alone and leading her family. Why? How? What is behind this inspirational behaviour? I believe it is very much about resilience. Our mother came to Canada from Denmark as a child. One of three under five-years-old. They landed in Halifax and started a life of clearing land and living as new Canadians, as pioneers in New Brunswick, in a close-knit Danish community of newbies. That journey along a long, hard, road paved a way of little resistance, due to their need to survive in a harsh new world. There was never a time in my lifetime that our mom was not able to move forward and through any barrier. She was a strength, hence earning the affectionate title of “Viking.” Even now, at 98, she is building community and a life for herself within her facility. Is she happy about it?

No, not really at all. Does she want to be back in her home. Yes. Yet, she is able to love and enjoy life from this new perspective. Except for the “I’m bored” issues, she is safe and well cared for. Why? How? Again, our life experiences seem to continue to support us throughout our life cycle. It appears to me that the more challenging lifestyle tends to equal a more resilient life. It occurs to me, even though we may not be pioneers clearing the land, we should all become pioneers for our own lives and continue to carve out situations that challenge us and support us moving forward. We need to continue to create change in our lives to become comfortable with change, which will in turn support us in transitioning easier in all life challenges that will inevitably fall before us. I say follow the “Viking.” She has led us well so far. She in turn has been following her oldest sister, who is 101. There has to be something to this. *Peter Ferri is part of Aging Together as Community.*



By Peter Ferri

Clarification: In the story ‘Great year for shoreline rules’ that appeared on the front page of the July 25 issue, we incorrectly stated the County of Haliburton hired three new staff members to manage the shoreline preservation bylaw. The County hired one staff member. We apologize for this error.

LETTERS

Kudos to Dysart

Dear editor,

Kudos to Dysart et al as the only County township not to endorse the shoreline preservation bylaw, 4169 in April 2023. Bylaw 4169 is weaker than the previous bylaw (3505) for protection of the trees and shoreline as it regulates the removal of trees and site alteration within 20 metres of the high-water mark and within that 20 metres, an additional 25 per cent of the trees can be removed. Dysart kept bylaw 3505, the shoreline tree bylaw, which protects the shoreline and the trees within 30 metres of a watercourse. Even has the word ‘tree’ in their bylaw. The preservation of the trees along the shoreline is very important to the health of our lakes and ecosystems and helps prevent erosion due to significant wave action. There are some exemptions to these bylaws and that is why it is always best to consult an arborist or bylaw officer if you have a tree you are concerned about. Why should Dysart trees have more protection than the rest of the trees in Haliburton County? The pressure of builders and landscape businesses to get that clear view of the lake is detrimental to the environment. Contact your councillor if you want more protection for the trees on your lake. Bylaws are reviewed and can be changed if we, the taxpayer, are not happy with their decisions.

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Axe the what?

Dear editor,

Axe the carbon tax, you say, Mr. Poilievre? Catchy as your slogan is, it is misguided. Smart people who do the math tell us the carbon tax has less than 0.3 per cent effect on cost of fuels, goods and services to Canadians. They calculate 70 cents of the 0.73 increase in cost of gas per litre is from international pricing influences. Statistics Canada 2024 reports three cents/litre due to carbon tax increase and 70.5 cents/litre from market price volatility. The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) just released a report explaining it is the cost of oil and gas and our dependence on them that is making life less affordable. Our necessities depend on fossil fuel energy. Transportation, home heating, power, goods and services (manufacturing, delivery) are all at the mercy of fuel costs. International fuel prices hiked gas by 55 per cent in 2021/22 (Statistics Canada). University of Calgary’s School of Public Policy showed the carbon tax barely affects Canada’s fuel affordability. This tax we need as we prepare for climate change. Fires, floods, heatwaves, unnatural weather events from fossils costs billions of dollars (estimated trillions in years ahead) to rebuild roads, bridges, services. Toronto’s infrastructure is (like most cities), inadequate. After 1.3 billion litres of sewage flooded Toronto’s waterways in the recent deluge, insurance experts estimated the one-day flood cost over \$1 billion in damages. Senior policy advisors at IISD urge carbon pricing, fuel taxation, and subsidising transition to alternative energies. Canada could save up to \$15B annually (cutting average household energy expenses by \$1,500), if electricity grids transition to net-zero; renewable energies are now more affordable than gas. China’s rapid deployment of wind and solar means their CO2 emissions may have

peaked in 2023. Canada must axe fossil fuels to meet zero emissions by 2030. But keep that tax, please.

Dr. Nell Thomas
Minden

A heartfelt thanks

Dear editor,

I was involved in a serious motorcycle accident last week on North Shore Road. I would like to thank my fellow firefighters at all Algonquin Highlands stations as well as EMS, the paramedics of Air Ornge and our hospital staff for their training and preparation for events like this. I know that I was in the hands of highly-skilled, efficient and caring people. Thank you to my family, friends and colleagues for their ongoing care and support. There is some rehab ahead for me, but with all of you around me, I’ll be just fine. Thank you,

Phil Dulong
Algonquin Highlands

What a Bookapalooza!

Dear editor,

On behalf of the Bookapalooza organizing committee, we would like to thank all the people from Haliburton County and beyond who made this year’s Bookapalooza on July 13 the best ever. With over 30 local authors and exhibitors, and about 170 visitors - a more than 25 per cent increase over last year - we packed the Minden Community Centre. Our vendors reported higher sales year-over-year and were very pleased with the new venue. Ruth E. Walker’s conversation with the bestselling author, Linwood Barclay, held an audience of almost 100 people enthralled

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Vivien Mausz of Wilberforce says she likes to get up very early each morning and go to the lake to cuddle with her dog and do yoga as the sun rises. “It is so peaceful. It really puts me in a good mind set to start each day.”

for over an hour, followed by a lively Q&A. That evening, a dinner featuring Barclay and eight local authors was graciously hosted by the Dominion Hotel. We’re thrilled to have raised more than \$4,000 to support the work of the Arts Council and the place of the arts in the Haliburton Highlands. If you missed it, take heart - we’re already at work planning next year’s Bookapalooza!

The Literary Arts Committee of the
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HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS
Trading convenient life for good life

By Susan Tromanhauser

When she was nine, Sadie Lissemore said her family was uprooted from Cayuga, Ontario and moved to Haliburton. Lissemore’s parents purchased 100 acres on Glamorgan Road and proceeded to build their ideal retirement home. The thing they had not initially realized was the “exorbitant amount of money to bring in hydro a half mile down the road.” Lissemore’s parents decided not to install the hydro - yet. Sixteen years later, the family is quite content living off-grid. Lissemore describes her home as a “log cabin in the woods, just like a scary movie,” but to her it is home. While initially living off-grid was supposed to be temporary, Lissemore and her family have created “a great lifestyle.” They make use of the land by harvesting wild leeks and have a vegetable garden. Lissemore fills up jerry cans weekly to get the required

fuel for the generator. The home works off the generator including lights, TV, water pump and charging phones. The family has specific routines based around the generator. It gets turned on about 5 p.m. in time for cooking and showering. It is like a dinner bell, “you know when it is time to come in from outside.” The schedule changes as the seasons change. When the generator gets turned off about 8 p.m. it is time for bed. Lissemore reads with a flashlight or sometimes watches a Netflix movie or checks social media on her phone. Because there is no internet, Lissemore relies on data from her cellphone, often downloading shows when she is near WiFi when she goes into town. Because Lissemore’s family does not have much TV time, she feels they talk to each other much more than typical families. Lissemore’s sister lives in Haliburton with two children. When they come to

visit, Lissemore sees the benefits of raising children off-grid. There are no video games, the children are outside riding bikes, building forts and using their imagination. Lissemore recalls her own childhood as being a little different from those she went to school with in Haliburton. When friends talked about something they saw on TV the previous evening, she was out of the loop. Friends soon accepted it and when they came to visit, they learned to like the off-grid experience. When Lissemore visits others she often finds it very noisy, with background noises like fans or TV. Some of her friends need the TV on when they sleep, Lissemore needs it quiet and dark. Lissemore does not want to move out of her parents’ home as she enjoys being there to help her parents. Her fiancé loves it as well, although it did take some time to adapt. It is definitely a conversation starter when Lissemore shares they live off-grid.



Sadie Lissemore. She enjoys comparing stories with others who are living the same lifestyle. Lissemore believes they “have traded a convenient life for a good life.”

Finding handmade heaven in Haliburton

By Mike Baker

Highlanders now have another prime space to showcase their home-crafted goods, with Handmade Heaven the latest addition to Haliburton's downtown business community.

The new store fills the space left by Halco's The Source, which closed in the spring. After launching Handmade Heaven in early 2023, Sam Milne said he's excited to set up shop in Haliburton. It will be his sixth location, joining stores in Peterborough, Barrie, Oakville, Markham, and Toronto.

"I really like the vibe of the community – it's still got that small town feel. I love that there are still old-school family stores like Glecoff's. It's a busy, diverse downtown" Milne said.

A "modern" take on the community marketplace model, Handmade Heaven provides hobbyists and up-and-coming entrepreneurs space to promote and sell their goods. Milne said there will be items from approximately 100 makers at the new store, with half of those local.

Some of the County-based offerings include: Lynx 87, which specializes in woodworking, custom cabinets and home décor; Rowan and Oak natural soaps and candles; Encapsulated Love roses and forever bears; and Wee Lamb Collection.

Milne has spent weeks renovating the space – a mural representing "the rolling

hills of Haliburton" greets people as they enter, while the walls are jam-packed with shelving featuring an array of products.

There are three price points for partners, Milne said, ranging from \$130 to \$260 per month. A five-tier "entry" unit that will be located in the centre of the store, an eight-foot by two-foot wall unit, and eight-foot by three-foot wall unit. Rent is due monthly, with makers retaining 100 per cent of sales. Vendors are responsible for managing inventory and setting up their space.

Products that prove popular will have the chance to be featured at other Handmade Heaven locations, Milne said.

Now living full-time at his family cottage on Catchacoma Lake, about 60 kilometres south of Haliburton, Milne said he's embraced rural living. Setting up in Haliburton has taken him back to his childhood – he visited the community frequently as a kid and loved getting ice cream downtown before walking around Head Lake Park.

He stumbled upon the town again last spring while taking his son to Algonquin Park.

"The memories all came flooding back. But Haliburton has changed, this is a really busy place now in the summer. It's hard even crossing the road some days, but that's exciting as a small business owner – there are thousands of visitors during the summer, often from far away. It felt like the perfect opportunity, having this space where



people can shop for cool things made locally that they won't be able to find anywhere else," Milne said.

He hopes to become a hub for the arts scene and encourages any small business owner wanting to reach a wider audience to connect.

"This is about building community – in some of my other locations, owners come together, share ideals, collaborate sometimes. It provides unique opportunities," he said. "My aim is for people to do so well that they keep increasing their space, growing, and see where that takes them. Down the road, maybe it leads to them going out on their own – that's what Handmade Heaven is all

Left: Shoppers were excited by the range of offerings during Saturday's grand opening event. *Submitted.* Inset: Sam Milne is excited to bring Handmade Heaven to Haliburton. *Photo by Mike Baker.*



about."

A grand opening was held July 27, with Milne saying the store was abuzz for much of the day.

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Minden Collision passes to next generation

By Mike Baker

Instead of turning into the parking lot on the corner of Bobcaygeon and Deep Bay roads in Minden each weekday morning, Jim Carrell will have to get used to simply driving by, albeit with a smile on his face.

Carrell retired from Minden Collision July 26 after spending more than 40 years working at the community's longest-tenured body shop – the past 24 as owner.

He's passing the business onto his son, Jeff, who will be the third generation of Carrells to run the business. Jim's dad, Bill, first opened Minden Collision in 1976.

"He worked there and owned the shop for 24 years before he retired – it felt kind of fitting that I'd do the same," Jim told *The Highlander* while surrounded by friends and family at a surprise retirement party last week.

When his parents decided to up sticks from Brooklin, ON and head north, Jim admits he was a little apprehensive. Leaving behind friends and potential career opportunities in the GTA, Jim completed his Grade 12 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School before joining his dad at the family business. Reflecting years later, he said it was the best decision they ever made.

"This is a great community – it's home. There's no other place we'd rather be," Jim said.

For years, Minden Collision was the only place to get your car fixed after a fender bender. Looking back, Jim said there have

been some memorable stories.

"There was the day a lady phoned my dad and said a tree had hit her Bronco – we laughed at that one," he said.

On another occasion, a friend called one morning to say his wife had been in an accident and totalled one side of her vehicle. He needed Jim to perform a quick fix.

"I just remember him being so mad, 'I don't know what she did, I think she swerved for a bird or something'. One whole side of the car was destroyed from colliding with a guardrail, but we got it fixed," Jim said. "He comes in the next day to pick it up and had to clarify his story – his wife was driving down the highway with her windows down and a great big crow flew into the car and was flapping its wings trying to get out. She couldn't see where she was going, so put it against the guardrail and slammed the breaks to avoid swerving into traffic."

Jim's mom, Elizabeth, told how her son always made sure to eat lunch at the shop – whether with his dad when he was younger, with his many employees over the years, and, more recently, with Jeff.

"He has always been big on community, on getting to know the people he worked with. You always knew where to find Jim at noon on workdays," she said.

Rob Randles, a mechanic and windshield specialist at Precision Auto, said he's worked with Jim a lot over the past 10 years.

"He'd call me up to come and cut glass out of a car after a wreck, I'd usually see him at



Jim Carrell is retiring from Minden Collision after more than 40 years, with his son, Jeff, taking the reins. Photo by Mike Baker.

least once a week. We've always had a great relationship," said Randles. "In 10 years, I never caught Jim on a bad day. He's always so positive and has time for anyone."

Now he's retired, Jim plans to spend lots of time fishing on his new boat during the summer and ripping up the track at the Minden Ice Races in the winter.

Jeff, who has worked with his dad since 2018, said he isn't planning any major changes at the shop. He thinks it's "pretty neat" to be the third generation of Carrells to run the business.

"I'm just excited and proud to carry on their legacy," Jeff said.

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Sue Shikaze, the artistic director of the Haliburton County Folk Society, stands at the front of the room at the Dominion Hotel to talk about the artists lined up for the society's concert series. *Photo by Lillie Qiu.*

Great nights of live music ahead

By Lillie Qiu

The Haliburton County Folk Society recently announced its 2024-25 lineup of artists during a concert series reveal party.

The event was held at the Dominion Hotel in Minden for members, musicians and folk enthusiasts. A limited number of passes will be sold for the series, which consists of five live shows.

"This is the first time in five years we have programmed a full series, and we are really excited about our line-up, which includes Juno and Canadian Folk Music Award winners and Polaris Music Prize and Maple Blues Award nominees," said artistic director Sue Shikaze. "We pride ourselves in bringing top Canadian talent to the Haliburton Highlands. I think people know that Folk Society shows are a great night of live music, representing a broad range of genres."

The event introduced attendees to the artists that are booked for the concert series through YouTube video performances of their works.

The series opens Sept. 14 with Garnetta Cromwell and DaGroovmasters, a blues band that delivers high-energy shows to "bring joy to all," according to a press release from the Folk Society.

Aleksi Campagne, a bilingual singer,

songwriter and fiddle player, will be performing on Oct. 18. Campagne was named Penguin Eggs and Roots Music Canada's New Discovery of the Year. He combines his voice, violin and looping-effect pedals to wow audiences. Campagne received a Canadian Folk Music Award this year for French Songwriter of the Year.

On Feb. 1, 2025, Terra Lightfoot will return to the Haliburton Highlands with her trio. "Their energy and charisma on-stage creates musical magic," the press release said. Lightfoot's latest album, *Healing Power*, was recently long-listed for the prestigious 2024 Polaris Music Prize.

From Northern Alberta, Celeigh Cardinal, a soul-folk singer, will be taking the stage with her band on April 19, 2025. Celeigh has a confident voice, owns the stage and captivates audiences. She can also blend humour and vulnerability into her performances and her songwriting has been described as both impactful and sublime.

Barbra Lica is a Juno-nominated vocalist and singer-songwriter whose music blends jazz, country, and folk influences. Lica and her band will be performing on May 31, 2025 to wrap up the series. She is described as sunny, upbeat and refreshing.



Brant Garratt playing the guitar and singing during the Opry Gold concert. *Photo submitted.*

A toe-tappin', roof-raisin' salute

By Lillie Qiu

If you can't make it to Nashville to see the Grand Ole Opry, Leisa Way is bringing the Opry to Haliburton County.

The Canadian concert producer and songstress is presenting Opry Gold as part of the Highlands Summer Festival Aug. 4 to 8. The show features the Wayward Wind Band, which consists of award-winning Canadian musicians, including Bruce Ley, a pianist and the musical arranger, who has played piano for The Tommy Hunter Show and The Ronnie Prophet Show. There will be five performances.

Brant Garratt, a lead vocalist and guitarist with a passion for acoustic guitar, said he's excited to come to the Highlands to play Opry Gold because of the proximity to nature.

"My family used to own a cottage on Miskwabi Lake. I spent a lot of time there during the summers, and it fostered my love of nature, and of canoeing, camping," Garratt said.

He added, "I love the theatre there, the festival theatre, and it's just a great meeting of two things that I love. It's kind of a dream, like getting to go up to Haliburton to play music for a week, like come on. I'm probably bringing my canoe, that's for sure."

He can't wait for audiences to hear the ripping guitar solos, not by him, but by the other guitar player, Jack Gaughan. "I know there's just a lot of cool musical showcases of all different performers in the show, like our fiddle player, Alex

George, incredible fiddle player. Just everybody gets their own feature, and it's always a lot of fun."

Garratt grew up listening to country music and credits his mom, who grew up in Newfoundland, for that. "I was exposed to people like Shania Twain, Garth Brooks, Brooks & Dunn, that kind of stuff. My parents are listening to that, I'm just saying they're really into Gordon Lightfoot. I grew up listening to those genres," said Garratt.

On being part of the group, Garratt said, "it's been a great opportunity for me. And really, it's been a dream come true to be part of a group like this, it's an actual professional working band, and especially under somebody like Leisa."

Opry Gold is a toe-tappin', roof-raisin' salute to the greatest music in the history of country music. It's a vibrant celebration featuring a rich mixture of classic Grand Ole Opry masters and the next generation of breakthrough country artists. The show highlights all the amazing artists that have played the Opry stage over the years and tells the stories about their connections.

Garratt will be singing in a four-part harmony, detailing he'll be doing a lot of singing. Garratt says he's done other shows where it's been a three-part harmony, but never a four-part harmony.

"It's really nice to be able to blend voices like that, because it's not really something that happens a lot in normal bands. You have a nice two-part, two voices, but have four harmonies, it's pretty cool."



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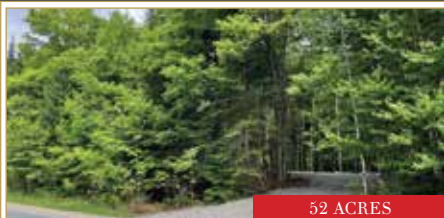


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Sydney Parish is pursuing her passion at the Alberta Ballet School. *Submitted.*

Haliburton ballerina pursues passion out of province

By Julianne Wisner

The most memorable piece of advice given to Haliburton's Sydney Parish is to "just keep going."

The teen moved to Alberta in September 2023 to follow her passion for dance. She is currently attending the Alberta Ballet School (ABS) in Calgary.

In 2023, she placed in the top 24 of the Youth America Grand Prix competition in the senior age division for contemporary dance. This earned her a coveted scholarship at the school and gave her the opportunity to move out west.

Parish said she has been dancing for most of her life having started out in classes when she was a one-year-old. She said the older she got, the more dance called to her.

"I'd done school sports, which I loved to do, but it wasn't something that stuck like ballet did," she said. Parish added that being able to perform in front of an audience was what pulled her to the sport.

So far at ABS, she has just finished her year-end performance, a collection of general dances, and has also performed the

Waltz of the Snowflakes from the famous *The Nutcracker* ballet.

However, her dance education has gone much further than ABS. She has participated in many intensive summer programs in big cities across North America, from Toronto, to New York City. She found that the key part of these programs is meeting other dancers.

"I mean, getting to meet incredible people is really what summer intensives are for," she adds.

The bonds she has forged with her dance mates, whether it be at ABS or the intensives, have clearly left a mark on Parish. She notes that her biggest dance inspirations are her friends who have just graduated, making her think about how, one day, she'll be crossing that finish line too.

Parish said she wants to share her story in the hopes of inspiring

the County's next generation of dancers to chase their dreams.

"It shows little girls that they can do what I'm doing. I know not a lot of people leave Haliburton for dance. So, it shows that you can go somewhere with something that you love to do," Sydney says.

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Eagle Lake Women's Society gets its just dessert

By Lillie Qiu

The community of Eagle Lake and residents of Haliburton County gathered for the unveiling of a new historical display at Eagle Lake beach July 27.

The Eagle Lake Women's Society (EOWS), a group that's been around since 1937, created the panels. They contain information about how Eagle Lake became the rhubarb capital of Ontario, the founding of the society and its charitable efforts, and the history of the hamlet and the International Cooperage Company, which played a leading role in the "new" settlement of Eagle Lake.

Society president Nancy McLuskey said, "what we have here is people putting aside their differences and coming together. We'd like to see the village continue that way."

"There are two panels that touch on the society itself, which has been fundraising in this village since 1937. Our major fundraiser is quilts. We also make pies, and do other things, to raise funds," McLuskey said.

The panels tell the story of the rhubarb festival, and how Eagle Lake became the rhubarb capital of Ontario. Early British settlers introduced rhubarb to the hamlet as it could survive the harsh winters and thrive in the acidic soil of Eagle Lake.

The ELWS was always looking for engaging ways to raise community funds, and so one of the members, Ruth Still, proposed the idea of making Eagle Lake the Rhubarb Capital of Ontario. A Rhubarb



Karen Baird, Nancy McLuskey, Rosie Dupont, Doris Pierson, Fran Vickerman, Dianne Chevrefils and Marion Grant, all members of the Eagle Lake Women's Society, stand in front of the historical panels at the unveiling at Eagle Lake Beach on July 27. Photo by Lillie Qiu.

committee was formed, and the founding members, Doris Pierson, Joyce Tait, Lillian Henry, Ellenor Bagg, Still, Yvonne Gazelle and Carol Ann Stamp, held their first meeting on May 21, 1992.

In 1993, the council of Dysart et al officially declared Eagle Lake "Rhubarb Capital of Ontario".

Pierson said, "All of the good deeds the Eagle Lake Women's Society have done in the community, it means a lot to me that it's recognized. They work hard."

Pierson added, "it's all their history, all our accomplishments. They can pat themselves

on the back for all their hard work."

Fran Vickerman, a member of the ELWS, said, "seeing all the members that are here, I think they're quite proud of the panels that have been set up for today."

Marion Grant, another member of the ELWS, added, "seeing all the people that were here, I'm hoping everyone will appreciate the work that's gone into it, and that they'll stand for many years."

The beach was chosen for the panels because of the efforts the ELWS put into building the beach for the rhubarb festival.

The ELWS is grateful for the funding

support from Dysart et al, the Haliburton County Development Corporation, and Eagle Lake Community Church. It supports many local charities and national organizations, such as the Eagle Lake Church and Community Centre, school scholarships, Youth Unlimited, Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, and CADS (Canadian Association of Disabled Skiers) among many others.

The motto of the society is, "one can do a lot of good in this world, if one does not care who gets the credit for it."

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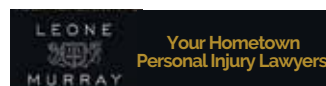
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Danielsen added, “this is a wonderful day for us all, something to be proud of, and I’m so glad to be able to show the people of Dorset that they are part of our community.”

Algonquin Highlands council, via its taxpayers, made the investment to re-open the centre. The project had been in the works for years, with challenges such as mould and COVID-19.

The community centre is the heart of the municipality, hosting various recreational activities, committee meetings, and community events.

The Tapscott Lopes Park also officially reopened.



Top: Sabrina Richards, Algonquin Highlands councillor, Jamie Schmale, MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, and Algonquin Highlands mayor Liz Danielsen after Danielsen cut the ribbon on the opening of the Dorset Recreation Centre. Far left: Kim Steynor and Marlie Singer inside the centre on its opening day July 27. Left: Kathy and John Bowering were present to celebrate. *Photos by Lillie Qiu*

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Kids take part in the water festival on Kennisis. Submitted.

Kennisis Lake hosts children's water festival

By Lisa Gervais

The Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA) hosted a children's water festival July 13, attended by lake residents and community members.

It was run in partnership with the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival, which has, for more than 15 years, been an outdoor fall event that informs and inspires regional elementary school students to become water stewards in their homes, classrooms and communities.

Dysart et al lake associations were invited to have families from their communities join KLCOA members to explore lake health.

Children attending the event had some fun visiting a variety of hands-on activity stations where they learned about all things water, while making ecological connections to the natural world around them. For this festival, some of the stations included 'bugs in mud', 'stream savers' and 'stow-away guardians.' While completing the activities, children learned about how invertebrate (benthic) critters in lakes signal lake health, how natural shorelines keep lakes and rivers

clean, and why it is important to clean, drain and dry boats to avoid transporting invasive species to lakes.

Kara Mitchell, coordinator of the festival, said, "it was rejuvenating to share these learning activities with lake association families, thanks to dedicated KLCOA volunteers. There were plenty of connections grown between folk who care about the health of local lakes and shoreline ecosystems and ways we can give back to the waters that sustain us. We look forward to more of such partnerships in the future."

Representatives from the U-Links Centre for Community Based Research and the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) supported two of the activity stations with equipment and expertise about water quality monitoring with hands-on activities for the kids and information for the parents and caregivers.

Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival programs have been offered to the local school boards and now with community organizations, thanks to the generosity of volunteers, partner programs and sponsors.

Contact Mitchell at info@waterheroes.ca for more information or to get involved.



The kids returned to the pitch last week for Haliburton Grassroots soccer. *Photo submitted.*

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Auxiliary members Monique Perreault, left, and Francine Blake, right, were joined by Jan Snable, a community volunteer helping for the day, outside Canadian Tire in Minden. The trio said they had a fun afternoon, thanking the community for their generosity. *Submitted.*

Tag you're it, as auxiliary breaks record

Volunteers with the Minden Healthcare Auxiliary took to several businesses in the downtown and beyond July 12 for the group's annual 'tag day' fundraiser. Gail Simon, president, said it was their best-ever year, bringing in \$3,200. The money will be used for upgrades at Hyland Crest long-term care home. The auxiliary is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2024. Since 2000, the group has directed approximately \$360,000 to the former Minden hospital site. *(Mike Baker).*



Revving their engines for the food bank

Left to right: Jim Bird and John Spence present a cheque for \$400 to Minden Community Food Centre manager Jean Munroe on behalf of the Haliburton Highlanders Riding Club. The proceeds are from the club's annual barbecue and raffle.

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That's the view of Simon Payn, owner of Haliburton-based ecological landscaping company Grounded.

He says there are lots of ways to judge a garden, but mostly we just use our eyes.

"We want our landscapes to look beautiful - understandably," he says. "So that's why horticulture has focused on creating plants with ever bigger and

more colourful flowers.

"We've done amazing things by breeding plants to create desirable characteristics."

But Payn says beauty can also be heard. "One of the things I noticed when I moved to Haliburton County about 15 years ago was the sounds of nature. I remember the first time I heard the beating of a bird's wings. And of course there is the calls of the Loons and the peeps of the frogs."

The Grounded owner says it's ironic: we come to the Highlands for the peace and quiet only to notice a new set of sounds.

"Away from the towns and the roads, the sounds from human activity we're used to are much less than in the city, but that opens up space for the sounds of nature," he says.

"And, boy, is nature loud!"

The sound of life

For the past year, Payn has been working on a landscape at Lucas House in Haliburton village. This century home on Maple Avenue, next to the post office, serves as his company's base and is also a testing ground for plants.

He says this year the garden is beginning to establish and the past few weeks it has pumped up the volume.

"I spend a lot of time just standing in the garden and noticing what is going on. I see the Monarch butterflies on the Swamp Milkweed and a bunch of other insects on the other plants that are blooming right now.

"And when there's a lull in the traffic, I can hear all that activity, down to a single bee

buzzing from flower to flower. It is mesmerizing."

Payn recalls a visit to a native plant pollinator garden in Mono, Ontario, last August.

"I was overwhelmed by the sound it made," he says. "I thought I was in a quiet, peaceful place, but it was humming with life."

That, says the landscaper, is part of what makes it beautiful.

"That garden was truly successful because it was rich with life. All those insects were doing their thing, playing

their part in the ecosystem and each contributing to the health of the landscape. It was beautiful to witness."

This is the message that the Haliburton gardener wants to share: we can create landscapes that are beautiful in more ways than one - beautiful to see and beautiful to hear; beautiful to us and beautiful to nature, too.

He says, however, this doesn't mean we can ignore visual appeal.

"We need to use a full range of techniques to make a new garden look attractive, from 'cues to care', which are elements such as benches, pathways and edging, through to a planting technique that minimizes weeds and prioritizes the plants we want."

When creating a landscape, the Grounded owner says it's like a game of Tetris, taking into account bloom times, plant growth habits and how long plants live to create something that will succeed long-term.

Payn says he wants to broaden our view of beauty, to go beyond what the eyes see to what the landscape does for nature.

"Moving to Haliburton County taught me that beauty is more than eye-deep, it's about the way nature and the community of people work together to create something that benefits everything.

"This win-win is the most beautiful thing of all."

Find out more about Grounded at groundedgardens.ca.



Pictured, left to right, Grethe Jensen, Greg Hebert, Mardi Tindal and Anna Schmiegelow on chairs overlooking Little Hawk Lake. *Submitted.*

Coliving curious invited to Oakview

Have you ever day-dreamed about sharing a house with friends?

Oakview Coliving is hosting an information day for the coliving curious on Saturday, Aug. 17.

All proceeds are for the benefit of Places for People, a leader in affordable housing.

Oakview Coliving is an established, shared residence on Little Hawk Lake. It is currently home to nine adults and includes one vacancy.

Resident Doug Tindall said the information day will draw on Oakview Coliving's experience "to reveal the joys and challenges

of coliving.

"You'll learn about the hurdles of establishing a shared residence, finances, legal structure, and the rhythms of daily life in a shared community. You'll have the opportunity to tour the property, view the available unit, and meet the nine current residents."

Registration is at 10 a.m. sharp and the program runs until 3 p.m. The cost is \$25 (until Aug. 3, \$30 after) and includes lunch.

Pre-registration is required by Aug. 10.

Visit oakviewcoliving.com for details. (Lisa Gervais)

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Aug. 3 and 4, Schoolhouse Pop-Up at the historic Donald Schoolhouse located at 5843 Gelert Rd. This free event is curated by April Gates of Blackbird Pottery and features more than 10 local artists and entrepreneurs. Authentic Italian eats will be provided by Daniela Pagliaro. Bring cash in case you see something you like. Learn more at blackbirdpottery.ca.

Aug. 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Repair Cafe at SIRCH Community Services. Dan Allin, from All-In Service Lawn and Garden Repair, will be available to discuss maintenance, repairs, and sustainable gardening practices. This event is perfect for DIY enthusiasts and anyone looking to extend the life of their outdoor equipment. Please note - this is for informational purposes only. No repairs will be done.

Aug. 6, 10 a.m. Join us for a free guided walking tour in the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. Meet at the kiosk in the Haliburton School of Art + Design parking lot. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tours are held rain or shine and can take up to two hours. Tours are happening every Tuesday in July and August and are free, though donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, visit haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.

Aug. 6, 6 p.m. Join the Minden and District Horticultural Society at the Minden Community Centre for a presentation by guest speaker Carol Pasternak, who will be discussing how to raise monarch butterflies. The speaker will be followed by the monthly society meeting. The junior members club will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. This is for children in Grade 2 or higher who want to explore their interest in all things that grow.

Aug. 7, 8 p.m. If you enjoy local history, come to the Miners' Bay Church at 1017 Miners' Bay Rd., at the foot of the rock cut, every Wednesday evening until Aug. 28 - each session will consist of 10 or 12 brief vignettes of the local area, accompanied by a historic postcard, photograph, or artifact that relates to the story. Topics include the Gull Lake and surrounding area, local exploration, the timber trade, early tourism in the Highlands and more. For more information, call Russ at 705-935-1863.

Aug. 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Get out and enjoy a great day at the fourth annual Kash Art on the Water event. There are 10 property sites around Lake Kashagawigamog, with 25 vendors offering their amazing artisan crafts. Come by boat, car, or kayak. For a list of property locations, visit lko.ca.

Aug. 10, noon to 5 p.m. Artisan market at the Fort Irwin Marina, featuring more than 15 local vendors. Come out for an afternoon of fun by the water.

Aug. 11, 1 to 4 p.m. Toad house building workshop, part of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's partners in conservation workshop series. Happening at Abbey Gardens - under the shelter across from the horse and pony paddock. Led by local artist Mary Anne Barkhouse. Must be 12 or older to participate, children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission by donation. The event is full, contact admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca or 705-457-3700 to be put on the waiting list.

Aug. 12-16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join Indigenous artist Jared Tait at the Haliburton Sculpture Forest for a weeklong artist in residence community engagement event. Participants will learn about the woodland style of painting and create a number of three-dimensional woodland style figures that will be placed within the forest. The finished work will be unveiled Aug. 17 at 11 a.m.

Aug. 17, 10 a.m. to noon, 'Rock Walk' learning about the geology of Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. Hosted by Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. Led by geologist John Etches. Admission by donation. Pre-registration required at haliburtonlandtrust.ca or 705-457-3700.

Have a non-profit event you want advertised?
Email mike@thehighlander.ca.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton
Mondays: Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room. Youth darts league starting soon, for ages 10 to 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the clubroom. All are welcome.
Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. between September and June.
Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall. Bingo is back, featuring a brand new machine. There's a \$1,000 jackpot on the first Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.
Saturdays: 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each, available in the Clubroom.
Clubroom hours: Closed, Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for rental information call Cheryl Waller at 905- 447-7741, email haliburtonlegionrentals@gmail.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com/facility-rentals Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129...everyone is welcome!
Upcoming events: open stage July 13 in the clubroom, doors open at 6:30 p.m., music starts at 7:30 p.m.; 100th birthday celebration for veteran Cecil Bailey on July 14, 1 to 4 p.m. in the main hall. Tickets are \$15.

Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden
Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Monday to Thursday** with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' Tuesday.
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Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541
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Monday: Rug Hookers every second week.
Monday: Euchre 1-3 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.
Upcoming events - seniors program
The following presentations have been scheduled at the legion. While geared towards seniors, all are welcome to attend. The presentations are free to all.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519 Cobocok
General meeting - second Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Euchre - Tuesdays 1 p.m.
Open Darts - Tuesdays 7 p.m.
Big Buck Bid Euchre first Wednesday of the month, from 11 a.m., \$15 per person.
Meat Roll every Saturday at 3 p.m.
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The Rae family wishes to announce the peaceful passing of our mother, grandma, great-grandma, aunt and friend at Extendicare Haliburton on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at the age of 88 years. Doreen was predeceased by her parents Jim and Dora Iles, her beloved husband Grant, brother Joe Iles, and sisters Valerie Moore and Dorell Iles. Loving mother of Mike (Alison) and Scott (Sue); grandma of Kirsten (Jason Ouellette), Matt (Jessica), John (Katie) and great-grandma to Carter, Cash, Cooper and Stella. Doreen and Grant owned the Dominion Department store on the Main Street in Haliburton for many years. Doreen was a long-time employee of Haliburton IGA/Foodland. She loved to knit, quilt, and do jigsaw puzzles. The family would like to express their deep gratitude for the care shown to Doreen by the dedicated staff of Extendicare Haliburton.

Celebration Of Life

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place. Please join our family in a Celebration of Doreen's Life to be held in **THE COMMUNITY ROOM** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario on Thursday, August 1, 2024 to visit with the family from 1-3 pm. As an expression of sympathy, those wishing to make a memorial donation, please consider the Extendicare Proud Pioneers or Food for Kids Haliburton. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



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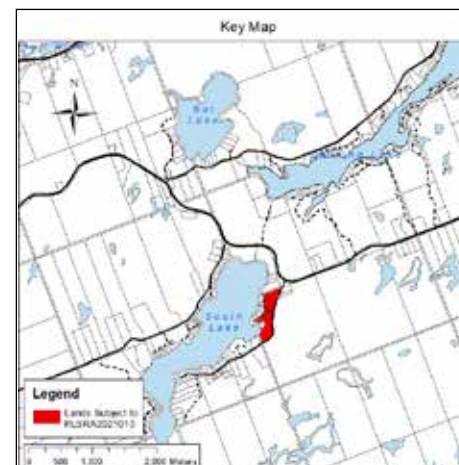
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has received applications to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

File No. PLSRA2021013: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front 1130 Hamilton Road located within Lot 6, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Snowdon



The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

AND TAKE NOTICE should you wish to provide comments with respect to any of the above referenced applications, please submit in writing those comments to the undersigned not later than August 30, 2024.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE if deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills. Please note that a Council meeting to consider a By-law for the above referenced applications will be scheduled at a later date following the requisite commenting period.

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Haliburton County Paramedic Service



The Haliburton County Paramedic Service is currently seeking applications from qualified candidates for the permanent position of Administration Assistant- EMS.

Under the general supervision of the Chief/Director of Paramedic Services this position is responsible for full time administrative support to the Emergency Services Department including scheduling, backfilling, invoice coding, and timesheet review.

The hourly rate for this unionized CUPE 1960 position is \$32.32. This position includes participation in the OMERS defined benefit pension program and employer paid extended Health benefits.

We thank all who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Visit our website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca/careers for a more detailed posting and job description.

Please forward your resume to Evelyn Fenwick, Human Resources efenwick@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than August 5, 2024.

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The Public Works department is currently seeking applications from qualified candidates for the permanent position of Custodian/Maintenance Worker

Reporting to the Director of Public Works, the Custodian/Maintenance Worker is responsible for the daily, weekly, and monthly cleaning and maintenance of County buildings.

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The Municipality of Highlands East is currently recruiting for a

Part-Time, Labourer Property/Parks & Recreation Department Rate of Pay- \$24.69

Up to 30 hours per week, varied days of the week
Afternoon and weekend work required

A copy of the detailed job posting, and description are available upon request or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications clearly marked **"Application – Part-Time, Property/Parks & Recreation Labourer"** may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m, Tuesday, August 6th, 2024, via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Brittany McCaw, CAO/Treasurer
Municipality of Highlands East
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0
E-Mail: bmccaw@highlandseast.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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The Municipality of Highlands East is currently recruiting for a

Full-Time, Planning Technician 35 hours/week, Monday to Friday Administration/Planning Department

**Current Rate of Pay per CUPE Local 4416 Collective Agreement:
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If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application – Planning Technician"** may be submitted on or before 4:00 p.m., Friday, August 9th, 2024, via mail, in person or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

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That's Entertainment!

by Barbara Olson

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Across

- 1 Word before "E-I-E-I-O"
5 Qualify for the booby prize
11 Gaping mouth
14 Think tank output
15 Start of Juliet's balcony call
16 "Telephone Line" band
17 Show appealing to geologists?
19 As well
20 Squishy, as moss
21 G sharp-B flat connector
23 Personal perspective
25 Back ____ (the Maritimes, in B.C.)
27 Take to the depot
28 Show that satirizes preliminary drawings?
31 Burlington-born singer Harmer
32 Exaggerated pirate cry
33 Vancouver poet laureate Evelyn ____

- 36 "The Faerie Queene" poet
38 ____ Comet
41 Thrice daily, on an Rx
42 "____ in the Dark" (Streep film)
44 Artistically kooky
45 Theatre screenings of "Dune," "Dumbo" and "Disturbia"?
48 "Don't act guilty!"
51 Wide, wide, wide shoes
52 U.S. baggage checkers
53 Like one who said "I do" but didn't
55 Couldn't care ____
57 Singer Difrancio
58 Stage show with deeply emotional scenes?
62 It's spent in Sapporo
63 Me time enthusiast?
64 Provide, as an example
65 Texter's "Oops, my bad"
66 Fix a bootie boo-boo
67 Per unit

Down

- 1 Flat-needled conifer
2 Big fuss
3 Ready to leave the hospital
4 Powerful shark
5 "Ha, beat that!"

- 6 Seaside soarer
7 Successful seeker
8 Prayer word meaning "so be it"
9 "Will be, will be" in song
10 Added, with "up"
11 It goes underground
12 "A Jug of Wine, ____ of Bread...": Omar Khayyam
13 "Mrs Dalloway" writer Virginia
18 Hockey's Jaromír Jágr and Dominik Hašek, for two
22 Bad turn?
23 Hushed "hey!"
24 Giraffe's smaller cousin
26 Hard to come by
29 Prepare a hide
30 Dark side, in a Stevenson novel
33 Forget to keep something secret
34 Lew who played Dr. Kildare
35 ____ sassy tone (is lippy)
37 "I must confess, I was born at a very ____": Groucho Marx
39 Take down a notch, in a way
40 Sweetie, in Sussex
43 Lands a ling
45 "My mama done ____ me,..."
46 Grocer on "Sesame Street"
47 Hitter of 511 home runs
48 Occasions to celebrate aging, for short
49 German article
50 TV spinoff set in the Big Apple
54 Dilbert's East Indian co-worker
56 Found dog drop-off spot
59 Grammar book "Woe ____"
60 Go from ____ B
61 "You betcha!"

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Highland Storm

to Host **FREE** Equipment Hockey Day
Sunday August 18, 10 am to 4 pm
A.J. La Rue Arena

If you have gear to donate please drop off gear to
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Thursday August 1, 2024

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MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR SUMMER IN THE HIGHLANDS



Photo by April Gates

ARTS

Art is popping up at historic schoolhouse

By Lisa Gervais

Potter Lara Elliot (pictured) of Homestead Pottery will be one of the artists at this year's fifth annual Schoolhouse Pop-Up taking place Aug. 3 and 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 5843 Gelert Rd. Entrance is free and open to the public.

Located at the historic Donald Schoolhouse, the event features a curated selection of artists and makers from

the Haliburton Highlands and beyond, welcoming a spectrum of mediums for a unique rural outdoor market experience.

Hosted and curated by April Gates of Blackbird Pottery, this year's event welcomes return guests: Miranda Britton jewelry, Jen Manuell textiles, painter Rod Prouse, artists Samantha and Ollie Vanderwyst with original prints and botanicals, florist Gillian Taylor (of Snaffle & Mane) and gardener Annie

Gilmour (of Annie's Tangled Gardens) with a special floral collaboration, and Lisa Barry, Matt Mihlik and Elliot of Homestead Pottery to include woodfired pottery and fine woodwork.

Foodie, Daniela Pagliaro will keep people fortified with authentic Italian eats. Enjoy an 'in house' bite at their plein air bistro, or take some goodies home.

New this year is Laura Gilmour, owner/operator of Wild Muskoka Botanicals,

with wild crafted and sustainably foraged botanicals geared to elevate food and drink with local terroir. Also new this year is Willow Ritchie from North Bay, of Moon Over Water, with her handmade, small batch, zero waste clothing and accessories. Prouse will be doing live interactive blind contour drawing and artist Leslie Howchin will be on hand Saturday only with her travelling henna tattoo station. Learn more at blackbirdpottery.ca.

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Haliburton Highlands Museum
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Rotary Club of Haliburton
'Beef on a bun' fundraiser
Rotary Truck tickets



The cast of Note the Weather, coming to Haliburton County Aug. 5 to 10. From left, Matthew Lumley, Mairéad Filgate, Sully Malaeb Proulx, Johanna Bergfelt, Marie Lambin-Gagnon, and Meredith Thompson. *Photo by Marlowe Porter.*

Dance troupe excited for outdoor shows

By Mike Baker

Montreal-based contemporary dancer and choreographer Mairéad Filgate said she can't wait to return to Haliburton County as she prepares to bring her independent production Note the Weather to life in the Highlands.

Filgate has partnered with Dance Happens Here Haliburton for four shows – three short vignettes and one feature production, running Aug. 5 to 10.

It's the latest in a long line of local offerings from Filgate, who said she has a special relationship with the Haliburton community dating back 15 years.

"It's one of my favourite places to visit and perform – Haliburton is an incredible community that really supports the arts, no matter what your thing is," Filgate said.

These performances will all take place outdoors, taking advantage of the Highlands' "serene beauty" and giving performers an opportunity to adapt to changing surroundings. The weather will play an important role too, Filgate notes, hence the name.

The troupe will debut their piece Aug. 6 at Haliburton Rotary Summerfest in Head Lake Park, running a 45-minute set from 4:15 to 5 p.m. They'll be at the Haliburton School of Art + Design Aug. 7 from 12:15 to 12:50 p.m., performing in front of the college's iconic red doors. They'll round out the shorts with a 30-minute routine starting at the Haliburton Village Barn and proceeding down Highland Street Aug. 9 at 5 p.m. A full production will be performed at the Village Green in Minden Aug. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Harpist Shannon Kingsbury will bring her skills to life in Haliburton County next week as one of six performers in the Note the Weather dance production. *Photo by Robert Kingsbury.*

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2024



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AUGUST 10TH

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If you've been to the show already, there will be new works for you to see, and if you haven't, are you okay?!

Many of the artists will be here and eager to interact with you. And they're all gems.

REVISION features Rod Prouse, Sophie Creelman, James Brown, Ashley Toner, Snubsta, Charles Pachter, Renée Woltz and René Petitjean. In addition, we will be highlighting works from Katherine Laird, Jared Tait and Marissa Sweet!

Artwork by Rod Prouse
cornergallery.ca

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Saturday
August 10th*
12 - 3pm

*Of course there will be wine,
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Eclectic open air shopping

Art vendors took over Head Lake Park on a warm, sunny weekend for the annual Haliburton Art and Craft Festival. Creatives included tie-dyed everything, ceramics, watercolour paintings, acrylic landscape paintings, fine jewellery, clothing and pottery. Presented by Rails End Gallery, the festival is a juried event, with organizers offering an eclectic open air shopping experience. Vendors came from as far away as Guelph, Ottawa and Quebec to exhibit, with the festival celebrating creativity in the Haliburton Highlands and beyond. (Lillie Qiu)

Above left: Margrit Fallis and Adelle Atkinson from Toronto stand beside a jewellery vendor at the Haliburton Art and Craft Festival July 26. Above right: Karen Stronach inside her vendors tent. Right: Carla Drimmie stands inside her fine jewellery tent. Photos by Lillie Qiu.



Gooderham turns up the heat

The Gooderham Music Festival was a success with large crowds at the Robert McCausland Community Centre July 27. This year's festival featured an open mic, local bands Ragged Company and Gary and the Rough Ideas, and headliner Genevieve Fisher. She performed songs she wrote from her latest album. Fisher also sang 'Now We're Talking,' her first music offering for 2024. She shared stories on stage before each song, such as how she met her husband and when a friend flew from Nashville to London, Ont. to visit her in her hometown. (Lillie Qiu)



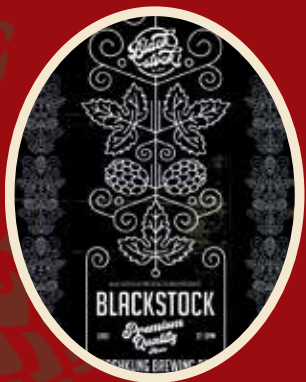
Above left: Genevieve Fisher with members of her band singing at the Gooderham Music Festival July 27 at the Robert McCausland Community Centre. Far left: Lynn MacDuff and Marg Kampers, of the Gooderham Community Action Group, which organized the festival. Left: Paul Mintz and his wife, Wanda Sunderland, doing a waltz. Photos by Lillie Qiu.

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Above: Alison Dowling as Sarah and Laura Ostler as Gail, Sarah's mom, in *The Birds and the Bees* play at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Inset: Ethan Zuckhan, as Ben in the middle of a scene. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*

Buzzing over the birds and the bees

The Birds and the Bees is wrapping up its run in the Highlands, with a final show Aug. 2. Written by Mark Crawford, a Canadian theatre actor and playwright, the play is a comedy that has audiences laughing at each set. It first premiered at the Blyth Festival in 2016 and is both charming and offers belly laughs.

Director Heather Davies says Crawford writes from the heart and creates "rich, generous, complex" characters, which are a joy for actors to portray and audiences to enjoy.

The Birds and the Bees is set in a small-town location on a Canadian farm. Sarah, played by Alison Dowling, is a turkey farmer who has come home to live with her elderly mother after going through a divorce. The duo gets into arguments about sex, relationships, and being a mature woman and still living with mom, topics any mother-daughter duo can relate to.

The show also tackles topics such as love, science, family, and the artificial insemination of turkeys.

Davies said, "it's been a joy to work on this play. We hope you enjoy the play, including all the nuances and foibles of these wonderful characters, as much as we've enjoyed creating this production for you."

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Monday, July 29 | 7:30-8:45pm
Abbey Gardens, Haliburton
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'MUSIC ON THE WATER'

Saturday, August 10 | 6:00-7:00pm
Mountain Lake, Fairfield Bay, Minden
All styles of music! Water access only

'CASUAL SONG SOIRÉE'

Monday, August 12 | 7:30-8:45pm
St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton
A mix of songs in a relaxed atmosphere

CONCERTS

'OPERA TO BROADWAY'

Thursday, August 1
7:30-9:00pm | St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton

'POP GOES THE OPERA!'

Wednesday, August 7
7:30-9:00pm | Abbey Gardens Performance Tent

'HOMECOMING: HOS ALUMNI IN CONCERT'

Monday, August 19
7:30-9:00pm | St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton

PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN EVENT

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Friday, August 16 | 7:30-9:00pm
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Corynn Kokolakis gives an artists' talk at the opening reception of her exhibition at the Rails End Gallery July 6. One of her paintings in the series M(y)otherwork sits on the wall behind her. Photo by Lillie Qiu.

Her M(y)otherwork is painting

By Lillie Qiu

Corynn Kokolakis, a Toronto-based artist exhibiting in Haliburton from now until Sept. 7, likes to paint with oil because it gives her time away from her other responsibilities, such as caregiving.

"It [oil painting] forces you to engage with it consistently until something is finished, which allows me to remove myself from other responsibilities. So it was like a break," Kokolakis said.

The exhibit is called 'M(y)otherwork', and is a series of paintings that aim to show the maintenance and emotional labour involved in motherhood. Kokolakis' composition and vigorous brushwork allow the viewer to see from the perspective of the mother, or "Mama Bear", as it's looking down from that viewpoint that the nuances of caregiving and identity are revealed.

Kokolakis describes herself as a figurative artist at heart, meaning that she paints people and figures. "There's a bit of influence from the female impressionists as well, who dealt with private space and sort of domestic themes," Kokolakis said. She referenced Berthe Morisot and Mary Cassatt, the female impressionist painters of the 19th and early 20th century.

Laurie Jones, curator of Rails End,

decided to do an exhibition on Kokolakis because she liked her brushwork. "What she's looking at is really important to feminism, into how we look at the family," Jones said.

Kokolakis recently gave an artist's talk and answered questions. Kokolakis mentioned how she tried to capture moments that were part of development. She touched on the relationship between caregiver and caregiving.

"They're part of a negotiation that the relationship between caregiving and caregiver is. You may not have children, but you were a child, and somebody was providing care for you. I try to capture the relationships more than the people themselves," Kokolakis said.

She's asked how her adult children respond to her work. "They actually kind of don't care," she replied.

The artist's connection to Haliburton County runs deep; a cottager, camper and paddler. Kokolakis recently completed her Master's degree in Fine Arts at the Ontario College of Art University last year. She is recently back from a three-week residency in Vermont, to further hone her craft and vision.

"There are unspoken aspects of being a 'good mom' and M(y)otherwork explores that."

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MEET AND GREET

Time: 5:00 pm

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TUESDAY AUGUST 20TH

DRAG STORYTIME - MINDEN

Time: 3:00 pm **Location:** Minden Library

VOICE OF PRIDE ART EXHIBITION RECEPTION

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Minden Hills Cultural Centre

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21ST

YOUTH PRIDE DAY

Time: 11:00 - 2:00pm

Location: Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub
12 Dysart Ave., Haliburton

QUEER COMEDY NIGHT

Time: 7:00

Location: Sir Sams Ski and Bike/ Eagle View

THURSDAY AUGUST 22ND

DRAG STORYTIME - HALIBURTON

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Haliburton Library

QUEER TRIVIA NIGHT

Time: 7:00

Location: The Dominion Hotel, Minden

FRIDAY AUGUST 23RD

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE

Time: 1:00-3:00

Location: Minden Cultural Centre

BURLESQUE BALL - DECO-DANCE

Time: 7:00pm **Location:** Pinestone Resort

SATURDAY AUGUST 24TH

MAD HATTER TEA DANCE

Time: 1:00 - 4:00pm

Location: Hook Line and Sinker, Haliburton

SUNDAY AUGUST 25TH

RAINBOW STREET FESTIVAL 2023

Time: 11:00 - 3:00pm **Location:** Water Street

PRIDE RIVER PARADE

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Rockcliffe - trivia night, 7 p.m.

Boshkung Social - live music, 6 - 9 p.m.

Friday Aug 2

Haliburton Highlands Brewing - Thom Lambert,
7 - 9 p.m.

Dominion Hotel - open mic - with
Dave and Joe, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Aug 3

Dominion Hotel - concert - Ginger St. James &
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Rockcliffe - Nashville Night

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Dominion Hotel - live Music - Trina West, 5 p.m.

Haliburton Highlands Brewing -
Victor Morgado, 2 - 4 p.m.

Bonnie View - Dockside Patio - live music -
Cam Galloway, 1 - 4 p.m.

Tuesday Aug 6

Dominion Hotel - Tiki Tuesday -
Bill Nadeau, 5 p.m.

Haliburton Rotary - Jeff Moulton & Friends, 7 p.m.

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